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Procurement Directors

FROM:

Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT:

Affirmative Procurement Program - Acquisition of Products

Containing Recovered Materials

SUMMARY: This Policy Flash transmits a summary of a new Rule recently

published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2003 at 68 FR 6355 entitled "Affirmative Procurement Program - Acquisition of Products

Containing Recovered Materials."

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The rule updates Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation coverage to implement Executive Order 13101, Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition. The most significant element of the rule is the extension of the Affirmative Procurement (Buy Recycled) requirements into management contract subcontracting under limited circumstances. If the management contractor subcontracts activity involving the acquisition of EPA-designated products, then the requirements of the Affirmative Procurement Program will apply, including the Affirmative Procurement Program clause and its reporting requirements.

Note: The final rule finalizes an action begun with a proposed rule published November 30, 2000 and is effective March 30, 2003.

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